

## **Georgia's Pre-K TOTY Winners**

**2021-2022 school year**

### **LaNita Carey – Jackson Creek Academy**

LaNita Carey is from Buford, Georgia. She graduated from Morris Brown College with a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and a master's degree in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. LaNita started teaching in Georgia's Pre-K in 2002 and currently works at Jackson Creek Academy in Gwinnett County. She also holds a Georgia educator certificate.

In her free time, LaNita enjoys scrapbooking and reading. She is a huge James Patterson fan! LaNita also spends her time giving back to her community. She runs an organization called She Speaks, Inc, which provides young women with a variety of techniques to help them find and use their voice in different situations.

### **Stephanie Curington – Kings Chapel Elementary School**

Stephanie Curington is from Warner Robins, Georgia. She teaches Pre-K at Kings Chapel Elementary school in Houston county. Stephanie received her undergraduate degree in Early Childhood Education from Toccoa Falls College and has an ESOL and a Reading Endorsement. She is also a certified teacher in the state of Georgia. She has been teaching Pre-K since 2011.

In her free time, Stephanie enjoys spending time with her family. They love to be outside playing, riding bikes, hiking, and going for walks. She also loves to go back home to Ohio to visit her family. Stephanie is also an active member in her church.

### **2021-2022 Finalists:**

Shelley Hoster – 1<sup>st</sup> Creative Learning Academy #2 (Gwinnett County)

Marie Thebaud – Kiddie Kottage Academy (Cobb County)

Teresa Swaim – West Jackson Elementary School (Jackson County)

Lisa West – Crisp County Pre-K (Crisp County)